

# ALAINA JACOBS

Hello everyone! Thank you for being here and for celebrating the graduates of 2022. My name is Alaina Jacobs and I am the Senior Class President. I am grateful that we have the opportunity to be present with so many supporters after the last couple of years we have had. Today, I have the honor of presenting our senior class gift.

So often, senior class gifts are a new bench, a monument, or some artwork. But, this senior class is choosing something that reaches beyond Sun Prairie High School.

This class is filled with strong leaders who take action with love. We have specifically been working to fight sexual assault and violence in the community and in schools, by leading peaceful walkouts and informing each other about sexual assault through presentations created by our students. It is our mission to spread awareness to fight sexual assault, while providing resources for those who have been affected by it.

That is why, this year, I am pleased to announce that the senior class will be donating \$1,500 to a non-profit organization called, "Stop Sexual Assault in Schools." SSAIS works nationally to educate students about their rights, to provide support and empowerment, and to prevent sexual assault in K-12 schools.

In addition to SSAIS, the senior class is donating another \$1,500 to the Rape Crisis Center, a sexual violence resource facility located in Madison. They provide services to all high schools in Dane County. Their mission is to "advocate for those harmed by sexual violence by centering survivors, promoting societal change, and committing to be an evolving force for social equity."

Although we come from different walks of life, every senior knows someone who has been impacted by this issue. We are the last unified class of Sun Prairie High School. We are a diverse group. However, it is important to us that our senior gift reflects the unity that we share. With our united spirit, we hope to be an example and a bright light for the classes that come after us. It is our desire that future senior class gifts embody the ideals that the students stand for. Thank you, and congratulations to all of the graduates.